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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: KOSOVO DEMARCHE DELIVERED

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Poloff delivered reftel demarche February 13 to Minister Counsellor Maureen Labiran in the European Affairs Division of Nigeria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Labiran indicated that the GON was aware of Kosovo's planned declaration of independence and said that Nigeria was awaiting a decision by the African Union on whether or not to recognize the new state. She said that Nigeria plans to follow the common AU position once it has been agreed upon. Poloff noted that Nigeria will play an important role in determining the AU position, and urged immediate recognition of Kosovo.
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